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1. BENIN'S COMPLAINT --

WE UNDERSTAND THAT BENIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER PLANS TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FEB. 3 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE CONCERNING BENIN'S COMPLAINT. WHEN ASKED BY SYG WHO SPECIFICALLY BENIN SUSPECTED OF COMMITTING THE JAN. 16 AGGRESSION, BENIN'S ACTING PERM REP HOUNGAVOU REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD "REVEAL ALL."

ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH, HOUNGAVOU JAN. 24 REQUESTED SYG WALDHEIM TO SEND A MISSION TO BENIN TO VERIFY CHARGES OF JAN. 16 AGGRESSION, BUT WALDHEIM TOLD HIM THAT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. COTONOU THEN ASKED FOR AN SC MEETING. AFRICAN PRESSURES HERE ON HOUNGAVOU TO HAVE THE QUESTION SETTLED REGIONALLY FAILED, AND BENIN APPEARS DETERMINED TO HAVE UN SEND A MISSION TO COTONOU. IVORY COAST PERMREP AKE BELIEVES BENIN MAY BE SEEKING COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES ALLEGEDLY SUSTAINED DURING "ACT OF AGGRESSION." (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 214, 235)

2. VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY UN AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES --
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UN SECRETARIAT MEMBER INFORMED US JOINT VISIT TO WASHINGTON EARLY IN YEAR TO CALL ON "APPROPRIATE" USG OFFICIALS IS PLANNED BY TANZANIAN PERM REP SALIM, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF 24, ZAMBIAN PERM REP KAMANA, AS HEAD OF COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, AND NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN, AS HEAD OF UN COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 233)

3. NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES --

WESTERN COUNTRIES PRODUCED A DRAFT PROPOSAL ON NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES WHICH GENERALLY HAS WESTERN SUPPORT. IT CALLS FOR THE CURRENT UNDP ACCUMULATION OF NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES TO BE PLACED IN AN UNDISTRIBUTED RESERVE AND TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE PROGRAM ONLY WHEN THEIR UTILIZATION IS REALISTICALLY ANTICIPATED. THE ADMINISTRATOR IS CAUTIONED TO ABIDE BY ALL RELEVANT EXISTING REGULATIONS IN HIS EFFORTS TO FIND APPROPRIATE USES FOR THE ACCUMULATED CURRENCIES. USDEL WAS UNABLE

TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT THE US INITIATIVE INVOLVING
A SUBSTITUTION BY LDC'S OF THEIR CURRENCIES IN PLACE OF THE
ATTRIBUTED RUBLES IN THEIR IPF'S.

USDEL (NORRIS) INFORMALLY TOLD THE SOVIET DELEGATION
(LISSOV) THE US WOULD BE WILLING TO HOLD ITS NEW INITIATIVE
ON NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES IN ABEYANCE UNTIL JUNE IF REAL
MOVEMENT ON THIS QUESTION BY THE SOVIETS WAS IN THE OFFING.
(AT THE WESTERN DRAFTING GROUP MEETING IT BECAME CLEAR THAT USDEL
WAS NOT GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT FROM "FRIENDLIES"
TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION WITH ITS
PROPOSAL.) NORRIS OPENED BY LAYING OUT IN DETAIL THE AWKWARD
AND EMBARRASSING SITUATION THE SOVIETS HAD GOTTEN THEMSELVES
INTO IN UNDP. MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE INCREASINGLY IRRITATED
BY SOVIET INSISTENCE ON NON-CONVERTIBILITY, PARTICULARLY WHEN
THEY LEARN OF UNDP BEING FORCED BY AEROFLOT TO PAY IN HARD
CASH FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO MOSCOW AND OF SOVIET TRADING
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COMPANIES DEMANDING HARD CURRENCY FROM UNDP AS THE PRICE FOR
REASONABLE DELIVERY TERMS FOR SOVIET GOODS. LISSOV REFERRED
TO RECENT SOVIET DISCUSSIONS WITH UNDP ADMINISTRATOR MORSE,
SAID THE SOVIETS ASSURED MORSE THEY WOULD RESPOND TO ANY
REASONABLE UNDP SUGGESTION FOR UTILIZATION OF THE RUBLE HOLDING,
AND REVIEWED VARIOUS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WHICH SUPPORT HIS EX-
PECTATION OF PROGRESS IN THE NEAR TERM ON THIS QUESTION.
NORRIS URGED THE SOVIETS TO GIVE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE IN THIS
GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION THAT MOVEMENT IS BEING MADE BY
THEM ON THE QUESTION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 238, 239, 249)

4. TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS --

THE CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IS CONVENING
A MEETING FEB. 3 TO DISCUSS THE SELECTION OF PRIVATE "PERSONS
WITH PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE" TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL
CORPORATIONS. IN ABSENCE OF A G-77 RESPONSE, THE CENTER
RECIRCULATED ITS ORIGINAL LIST OF 19 CANDIDATES BUT HAS ALSO
DRAWN UP A SHORT LIST OF 15 CANDIDATES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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5. UNIDO'S DIFFICULTIES --

UNIDO DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, DURING TOUR D'HORIZON
WITH MISOFFS IN WHICH HE GAVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO UNIDO'S
PAST DIFFICULTIES IN GAINING ACCEPTANCE FOR ITS PROGRAM AND
BUDGET PROPOSALS, CONSIDERED THAT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KHANE'S
INEFFICIENCY AS A MANAGER WAS MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO UNIDO'S
OPERATION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 232)

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6. PRESS BRIEFING BY CALLISTUS NDLOVU, ANC --

AT PRESS BRIEFING JAN. 28, NDLOVU, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (ANC) OF ZIMBABWE TO THE UN, STRESSED THAT NO SETTLEMENT COULD BE WORKING OUT BETWEEN THE SMITH FORCES AND THE AFRICAN PUPPETS OF THE REGIME; THE CHIEFS HAVE NO SUPPORT AMONG THE AFRICAN POPULATION. IF A SETTLEMENT IS TO BE MADE AT ALL, IT WILL HAVE TO BE BETWEEN THE AFRICAN NATIONALISTS ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE SETTLERS ON THE OTHER, WHO ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BRITAIN. HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE US TAKING OVER BRITAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES, THOUGH THE US COULD HELP. UNLESS BRITAIN COMES UP QUICKLY WITH AN ACCEPTABLE INDEPENDENCE FORMULA, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL HAVE NO RECOURSE BUT TO WIDEN THE WAR AND IT WILL BE A GENOCIDAL WAR AFFECTING ALL FRONT-LINE STATES WITH TREMENDOUS EFFECT ON CIVILIAN POPULATIONS. THEY WOULD RELY UPON THE RESOURCES OF THEIR PEOPLE, AND AS LONG AS MATERIAL WAS FORTHCOMING THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR CUBAN TROOPS, BUT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD FEEL FREE TO ASK ANY ALLIES FOR SUPPORT IN A CRUNCH.

NDLOVU NOTED THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF ANC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT JASON MOYO IN LUSAKA OCCURRED LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY CALLED UPON THE SMITH REGIME TO "ELIMINATE ALL MILITANT NATIONALS" IN PREPARATION FOR THE REGIME'S "SETTLEMENT" TALKS WITH MODERATE AND CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTRY. HE SAID ANC BELIEVED, "INDEED WE KNOW," THAT MOYO BECAME A TARGET FOR DESTRUCTION BY RHODESIAN FASCISTS AFTER RHODESIAN AGENTS FAILED TO SPLIT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT DURING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT BY THOSE WHO BELIEVED MOYO REPRESENTED THE SINGLE MOST CRUCIAL LINK WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, BUT IT ACHIEVED NOTHING.

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ASKED IF ANC PLANS ANY NEW INITIATIVES WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, NDLOVU SAID "GENUINE" COOPERATION WOULD BE ACCEPTED FROM ANY AREA, BUT SO FAR ANC DID NOT DETECT ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FORD/KISSINGER AND CARTER ADMINISTRATION POLICIES, IF THE NEW USG TOOK INITIATIVES FOR DIALOGUE, AS LONG AS THEY DID NOT FOLLOW KISSINGER'S "GUARANTEES OF PRIVILEGE FOR MINORITIES" POSITION, ANC WOULD BE COOPERATIVE. AT ONE POINT HE COMMENTED THAT IF ANDREW YOUNG "WANTS TO TALK TO OUR PEOPLE THEY WILL BE WILLING." CALLING THE KISSINGER PLAN RACIAL, HE SAID ANC PLANNED A NON-RACIAL GOVERNMENT AND DID NOT INTEND TO DRIVE THE WHITES OUT. HE DOUBTED MUZOREWA WOULD AGREE

TO TALK TO SMITH, AND SAID BRITAIN MUST "TAKE OVER LEADERSHIP
AND NOT JUST BE AN UMPIRE." (REPEATED INFO LUSAKA)

7. CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION --

AT WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP MEETING, UK, FRANCE,
FRG, PORTUGAL AND AUSTRIA WERE NAMED FOR THE FIVE WEOG
SEATS ON THE PREPARATORY SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE
TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. UK, FRANCE
AND FRG REITERATED THEIR PREVIOUS POSITIONS CONCERNING
THE CONFERENCE AND POSSIBILITY THEY MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE
IN IT. (USUN 241)

8. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL --

DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL REVEALED THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF
VIEW CONCERNING PROGRAM EVALUATION: 1) THE DESIRABILITY
OF UNDP, GOVERNING COUNCIL AND RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS BECOMING
MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN EVALUATION ACTIVITIES, AND 2)
DOUBTS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL INVITING MEMBER STATES TO
VISIT UNDP FIELD OFFICES TO UNDERTAKE AN ON-THE-SPOT
EXAMINATION OF COUNTRY PROGRAMS. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON THE USEFULNESS OF THE ASSOCIATE EXPERT AND JUNIOR
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PROFESSIONAL OFFICER SCHEMES. IN THE WRAP-UP STATEMENT,
THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM AND POLICY STATED
THAT IN THE FUTURE MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAM EVALUATION
WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED
TO THE COUNCIL. (USUN 236)

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